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Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

There are citizens who believe that | D. was sent back to the payroll to it is contrary to good public policy in a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single

The threats made by members of the Connery Gang to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs. The result is startling and of in-

terest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally. No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Gov-

ernment in their business. They evidently have found the State of Illinois,

County of Cook and Very profitable and easily worked

ttachments to the family possessions. Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connery's.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around. Connerys First! What a noble family motto that is

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their wellknown hankering for good things. "State Street Store" Blocki as you

to be sure.

may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal business, is a member of the Board of Review. William J. Connery, nephew of John

T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki. Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your bal-Good stories of city contracts and

of other contracts in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out There was a number of talented

Democratic leaders who held office or contracts under the Busse, BUSINESS administration. We have referred to some of these

worthles before as our files will at-

But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought

it about. Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in its gift, the Connery's are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard ot defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1912, the Connery outfit fought him at the polis in favor of Joseph E. Bidwill. Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Sweltser was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys sav another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago. .

But the Democratic stomach was howing signs of balking at an overdiet of Connery and the noble Francis

wait for another chance.

Sweitzer got the nomination and it is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Sweit-

zer's election—to say the least. This year the Connery's are not asking for much. It is reported that Joseph E. Bid-will, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Con-nery will not seek Republican nomi-nation for Clerk of the Circuit Court

against John W. Rainey, the present efficient Democratic incumbent of that

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-inlaw of Joseph E. Bidwill, Jr., will seek renomination for Recorder of Deeds Michael M. Connery, brother of John T., Joseph F., and Francis D. may get back his former official job as Inspector for Attorney General Lucey.

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and incle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

Francis D. Connery, brother of Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery; uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,-000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review,

So William J. Connery, nephew of John T., Joseph F., Francis D., and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salared job as Blocki's Secretary. But by next year a few more of-

fices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Connery first-the rest nowhere.

JOBS FOR CONNERYS

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during a late primary for Democratic Ward Committeeman and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the Jobs." Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public pay roll.

Francis D. Connery. Alderman 1901-1903-2 years-\$1,

Alderman 1907-1909-2 years-\$1, 500—**\$3**,000. City Cierk 1909-1915-6 years-\$5,

000-\$30,000. Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6, 000 per year, 1915. When Mr. Connery got his appoint

ment with the Fanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Fran

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9 000-\$36,000. M. F. Conners

560-86,840. Henry Connery (Brother of Francis). In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$3,506—\$10,000.

above).

Clerk Board of Review C years at \$1,500-\$9,000. James J. Riordan (Brother-in-law of

Police officer in City Clerk's office James P. Riordan (Nephew of Fran-

Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not stated. Several Women Relatives-Clerks

in Recorder's office. Salaries not

One Woman Relative—Truant off cer. Salary not stated.

Other small positions held by Connerys mentioned. Salaries not stated. William J. Riordan (Nephew of Fran-

space for the names

The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago. The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review. They have known right along this of al's private secretary was a Con-

They have known right along that the Attorney General's Office investigates matters connected with public They have known right along that

en Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office was a Con-They have known right along that

city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery. They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of

Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District. They have known right along that the rather important job of State Bank

Examiner is held by a Connery. They have known right along that many of the public offices in Cook County are noneycombed with Con-

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year,

Ticket for Best Jobs Does Not Contain Name of a Yankee, German, Italian, Jew, Pole or Scandinavian.

tracts wide attention.

A Connery is on it, of course, for one of the best jobs. For the big county offices there isn't a Yankee name or a Bohemian, Scandinavian, Polish, Jewish, Belgian, Hungarian, Austrian, Italian, Russian,

French or German. No Germans were wanted. Some of the leaders were interviewed by The Tribune with the following re

sults: Ross C. Hall, representing the country towns, said:

"Our ticket will be unbeatable in November after we have slated a few Poles for the Municipal court.

The Democratic county ticket at | Democratic machine determined to crush Governor Edward F. Dunne. Waiting until the Friday before the primary they suddenly denounced the respected chief executive of the state in resolutions a yard and a half long and ordered their followeres to support "Bill" Brinton of Dixon for the nomination. On the morning of the primary every precinct captain in Chicago received the following order signed by the boss at Democratic headquarters:

"The Democratic County Committee has endorsed William B. Brinton for Governor. We look to you to carry

your precinct for him." The result was a surprise for the

Most of the precinct captains went into open rebellion. Asked at the last hour to betray an honest governor WHAT GANG RULE whose good official record is the only platform the Democratic party has to go to the people on, they voted for

Dunne beat Brinton by 100,000 majority in Cook County. And in beating Brinton Dunne freed himself and his friends from

any obligations whatsoever to the Gang or the one-sided and ridiculous county ticket fathered by it.

GOOD SANITARY TICKET

Democratic Ticket for Sanitary Trustees Is the Best Ticket in the Field.

The Democrats made no mistake in the ticket nominated by them for Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago. It is above reproach. Every man on it has served the public faithfully and well. Following is the ticket:

President Sanitary District-Thomas M. Sullivan. Sanitary Trustees-Joseph Rushke wicz and James A. Long.

SERGEL'S PERUVIAN RECORD

Former Peruvian Consul to Chicago Named for President of the Sanitary District by the Republicans.

Peruvian Bark, Peruna or Peru, Indiana, will not be in it for popularity with the Sanitary classes who believe in mixing a genuine desire for Peruvian Sanitation with a Proven desirc to serve on a good payroll, when Former Peruvian Consul Sergel presides over our sanitary affairs.

Candidate Sergel is a Proven Pro gressive, having advanced with Rapid Strides from Muscatine, Iowa, to Dearborn and Polk streets, stopping on the way to pick up the Peruvian Consulship at Chicago.

Charles H. Sergel was for some time Peruvian Consul in Chicago. As Consul for Peru his marked ability received its greatest opportunity to display itself, as the City Treasurership is purely a ministerial office with nominal duties and no responsibilities, while the position of Consul of Peru at Chicago is a position which tries men's souls and demonstrates their fitness for smaller

The Sanitary District of Chicago will profit by the experience gained by Mr. Charles H. Sergel as Consul for Peru in Chicago.

In a four-hour meeting the Chicago Teachers' Federation voted to pay the thirty-seven teachers who were ousted in June by the Board of Education Having named the above ticket the the same salaries this year they

would have received had they been retained in the schools. There were sixty-eight teachers

ousted by the Board of Education. Thirty-seven of these were members of the federation. As the teachers received from \$1,000

to \$1,600 a year, or an average salary of nearly \$1,300, the total amount the federation will have to pay amounts to approximately \$50,000. Almost \$30,000 of this sum has been

raised. The rest, according to Mrs. Ida L. M. Fursman, president of the federation, will soon be subscribed. Meanwhile the ousted teachers are acting as business agents of the federation, in the same capacity as Miss Margaret Haley.

WOULD MEAN

When the Gang Controls All of the offices and

The judiciary Any one in business will have a weet time in Chicago who refuses to do the Gang's bidding.

The Gang is seeking to control everything in politics and to blot out all opposition to its schemes.

This is the best reason why good citizens should oppose Gang rule.

GANG BOYCOTTS AND BLACKLISTS

A gang of political bosses and jobholders are busily engaged in violating the State law against the boycott and the blacklist. Notwithstanding their pull, they

may land in the penitentiary. Advertisers in The Eagle who are approached by these fellows are requested to make a note of the visit and report the same to this office.

If any two or more persons conspire or agree together for the purpose of establishing a so-called boycott or blacklist with intent wrongfully and maliciously to injure the person, character, business, employment or property of another, WHETHER AS IN-DIVIDUALS or as the officers of any society or organization, they shall be deemed guilty of conspiracy and every such offender, whether as individuals or officers of any organization, and every person convicted of conspiracy at common law shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding five years and fined not exceeding \$2,000 or both.—Section 45, Chapter 38, Criminal Code of Illinois.

TO BURY THE TICKET

The Democratic machine took time by the forelock when it named the following gentlemen for the three principal offices to be filled this fall: Recorder of Deeds-Joseph F. Connery. Secretary of the Graceland

Cemetery Improvement Fund. For Clerk of the Circuit Court-John W. Rainey, favorably known by many on account of his relationship with the highly respected undertaking establishment of Rainey Brothers, 734

West 35th street. For Clerk of the Superior Court-James C. Gavin, the well known and reputable undertaker at 326 South Racine avenue.



CHARLES H. WACKER, Leader in the Financial World and Director of the Corn Exchange National Bank.

\$1,320—\$7,920.

tatement: "Other Connerys are holding office pesides those mentioned above. The above circular circulated by

28th Ward Democrats at a recent primary election only gives the relatives of Francis D. Connery, who is a broth-er of Reviewer Blocki's partner, John T. Connery; State Attorney General's Investigator Michael M. Connery; Re-corder of Deeds Joseph F. Connery; an uncle of Reviewer Blocki's Assistant, William J. Connery; a brother of Henry Connery, State Bank Exam-

If all of the office-holding relatives of all of the other Connerys' outside of Francis D. Connery were published it would have to be as a serial. No the county treasurer.

Clerk Municipal Court 6 years at whose office contains several Conerys, is a Connery.

STUCKART NOT TO

High Taxes Are Work of Assess sors and Not of County Treasurer.

Henry Stuckart, county treasurer, objects to being blamed for the inhe is going to tack signs on the wall in his office so that citizens who visit the county treasurer's office to pay their taxes will know that the memblame for the increased taxes and not

The city hall forces have put up ticket of Swedes and Germans. We've named a ticket of Irish and Poles. How can we lose?"

There isn't a single German on the entire Sullivan slate, the talk among the slatemakers being that no German had a chance in Cook County

Recorder-Joseph F. Connery.

Gavin. Coroner-James B. Bowler. Assessor (six-year term)-Martin

Circuit Court Clerk-John W. Rai-Superior Court Clerk-James

Board of Review-Thos. J. Webb. County Surveyor-William P. Fee-